GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FOR CUTTING DOWN TREES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees in Delhi for which permission for cutting down has been granted during each of the last three years, project-wise and location-wise;

(b) the terms and conditions laid down for their felling;

(c) whether this permission has been granted on the term that ten trees will be planted on felling of each one tree;

(d) if so, the places where such type of forestation has taken place; and

(e) the details of the present provision for conditional plantation, their maintenance and monitoring etc.?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) and (c) The permission for cutting down 17,514 trees in 2001-02, 12278 trees in 2002-03 and 12112 trees in 2003-04 were granted under Delhi Tree Preservation Act, 1994 and rules made under the act with a condition to plant ten trees in place of one tree felled.

(d) The compensatory plantation has been contemplated/taken place on around 132 sites by various agencies at various places in Delhi. Approximately 3,39,186 trees have been planted during last three years by National Highway Auhority of India, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, Delhi Development Authority, Public Works Department and Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

(e) The provisions of the act provide for plantation of trees in place of tree felled or disposed. The maintenance of the tree plantation is regularly monitored by the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.